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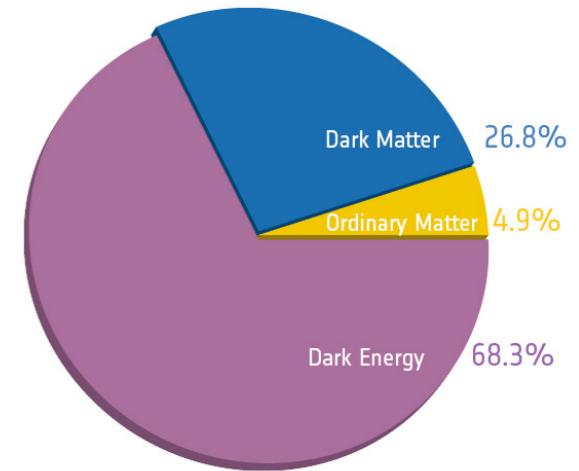
# Black hole binaries and light fields Gravitational molecule

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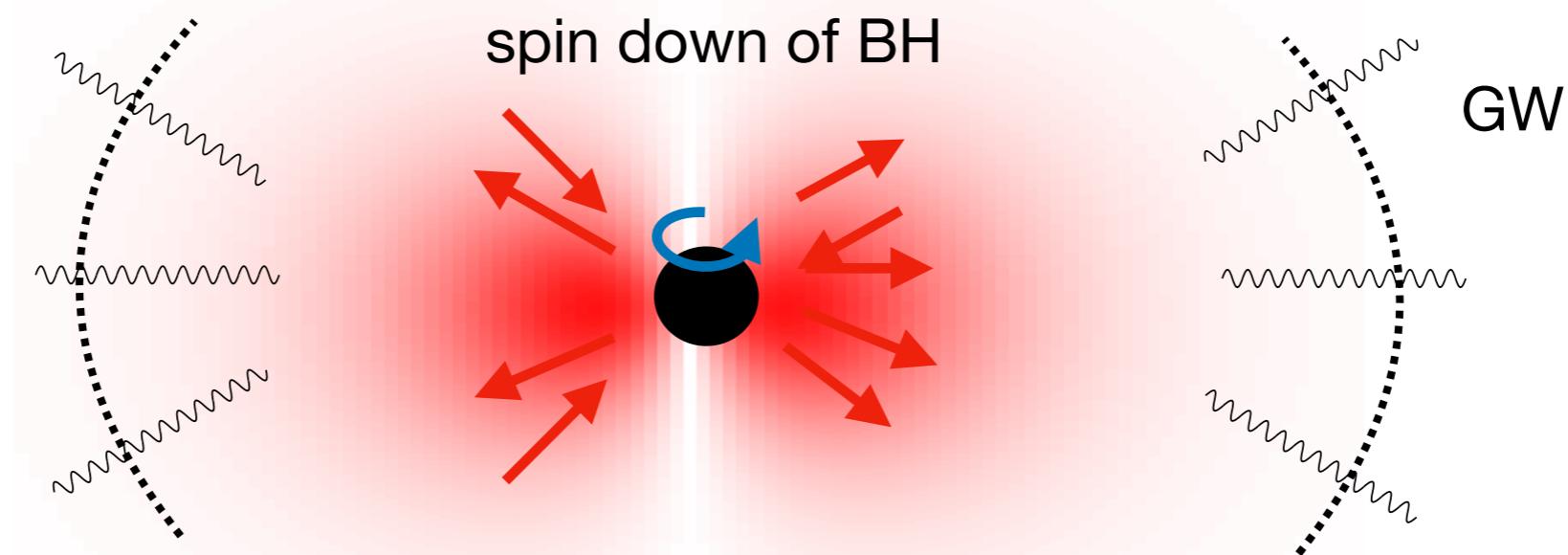
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# BHs as particle detectors

- New physics ?
  - axion, axion-like particle ? see. Arvanitaki et.al (2015)
  - light vector field, dark photon ?
  - light tensor field ? cf:massive gravity, bigravity
- BHs are useful tools for searching new particles.
  - Superradiant instability

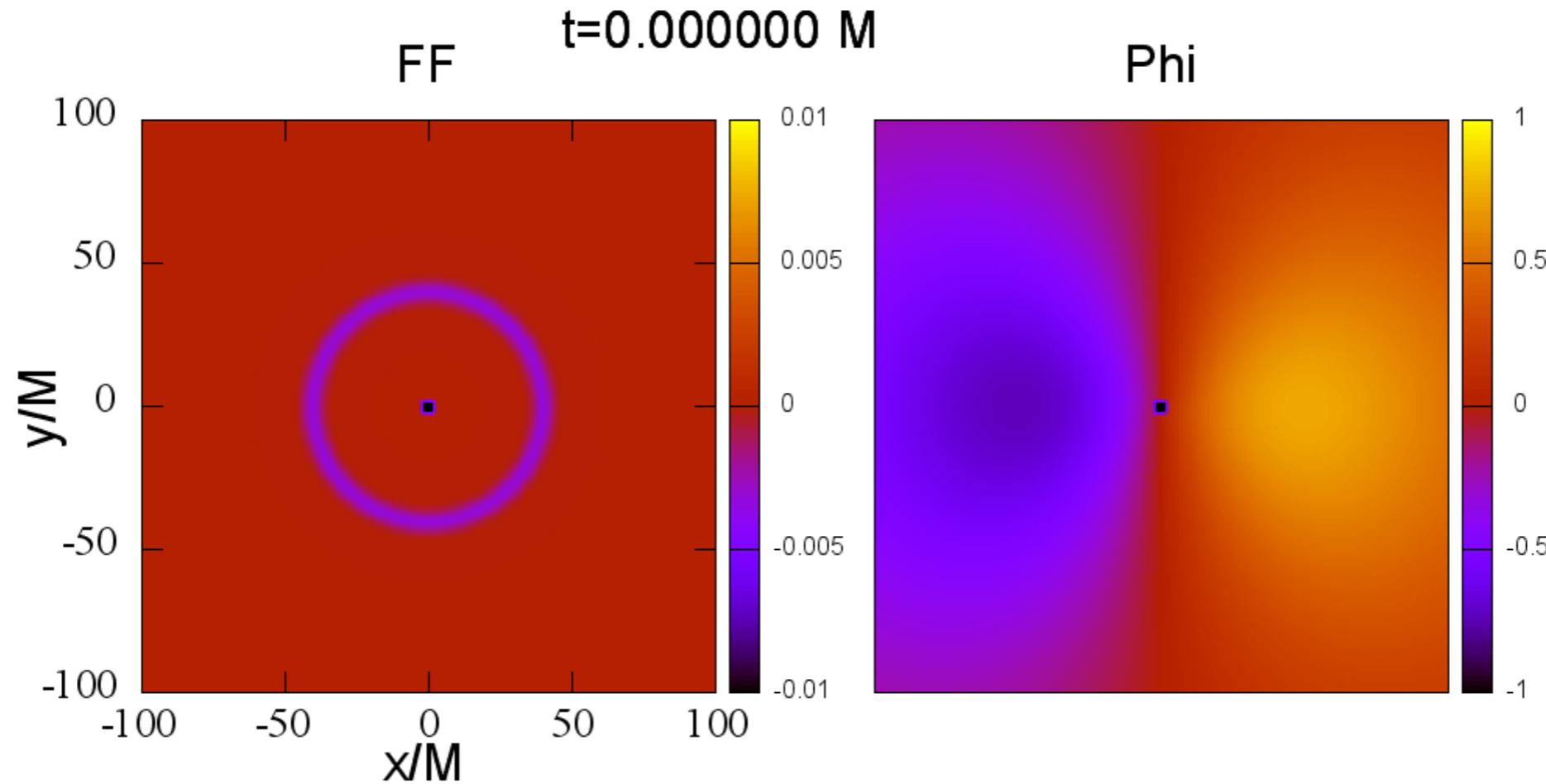


$$\tau \sim 100\tilde{a} \left( \frac{10^6 M_\odot}{M} \right)^8 \left( \frac{10^{-16} \text{eV}}{\mu} \right)^9 \text{sec}$$



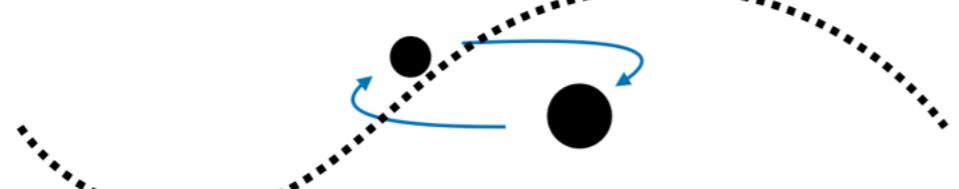
# BHs as particle detector

$$\begin{cases} (\nabla^2 - \mu^2)\Phi = \frac{k_a}{2}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \\ \nabla_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = 2k_a\tilde{F}_{\nu\mu}\nabla^\mu\Phi \end{cases}$$

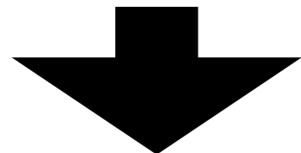


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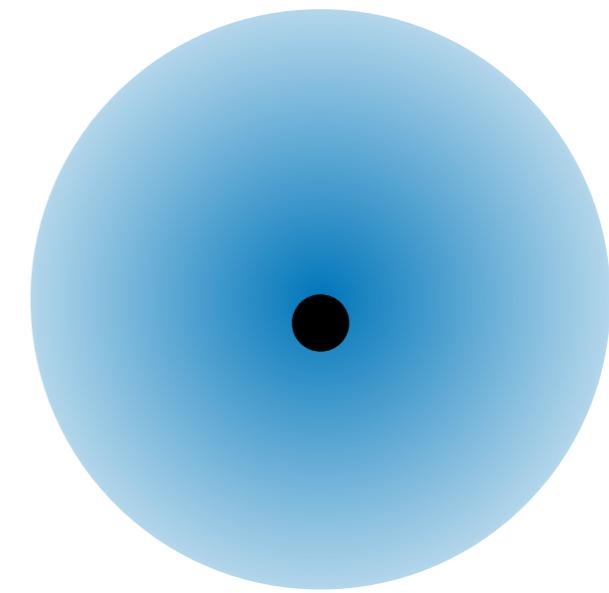
- We can imagine several situations in which BHs interact with light field as an environment.



Binary black hole in scalar field  
What is typical state ?



Gravitational molecule



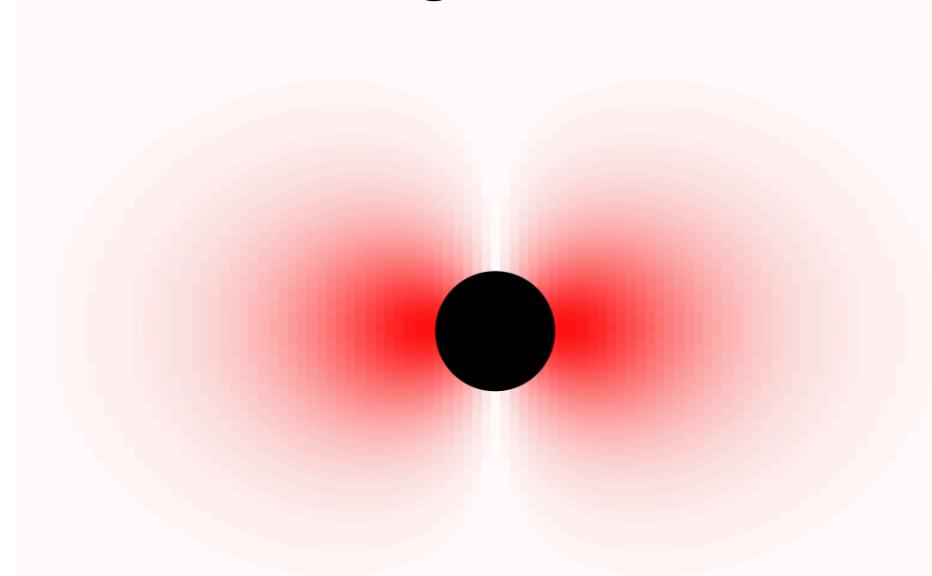
Black hole in dark matter halo  
accretion of BS by BH ?  
but what is the process, and time  
scale ?

cf : arXiv:2207.XXXX  
V.Cardoso, TI, R.Vicente, M.Zilhao

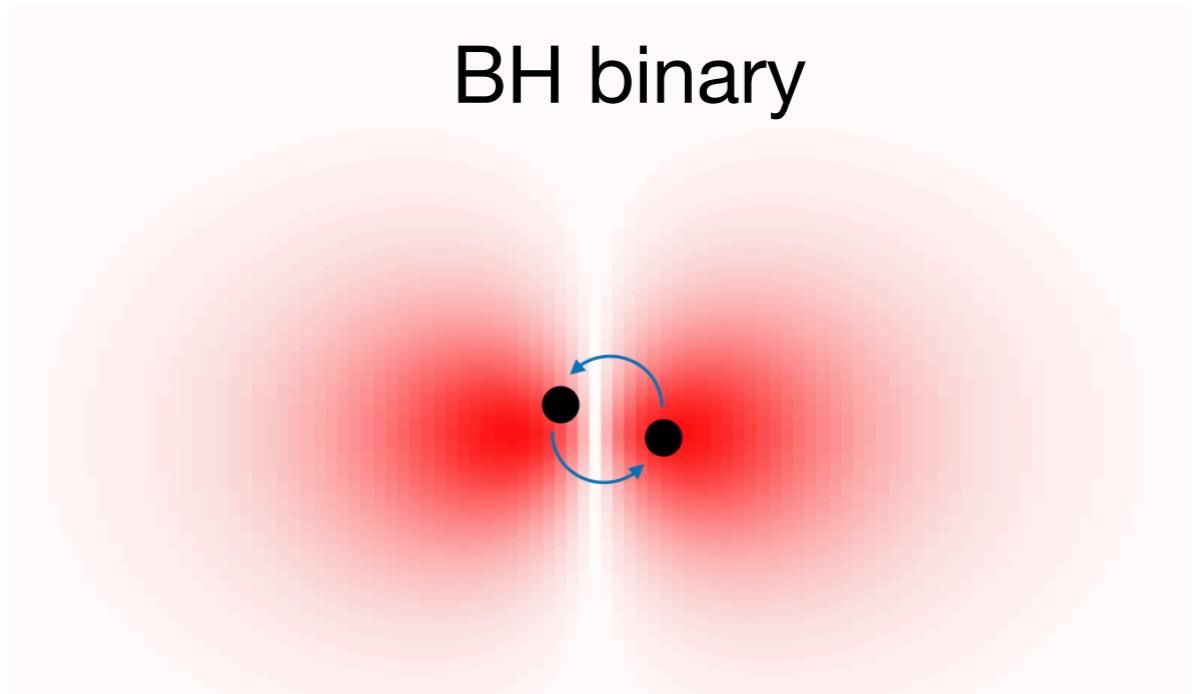
# atom vs molecule

$$\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu}} (\varphi e^{-i\mu t} + \text{c.c.})$$

Single BH



BH binary



$$(\square_{\text{Kerr}} - \mu^2)\phi = 0$$

$$i\partial_t\phi = \left( -\frac{1}{2\mu^2}\nabla^2 + V(r) \right) \phi$$

$$V(r) = \frac{\mu M}{r}$$

Hydrogen atom :  $|n, l, m\rangle$

**Gravitational atom**

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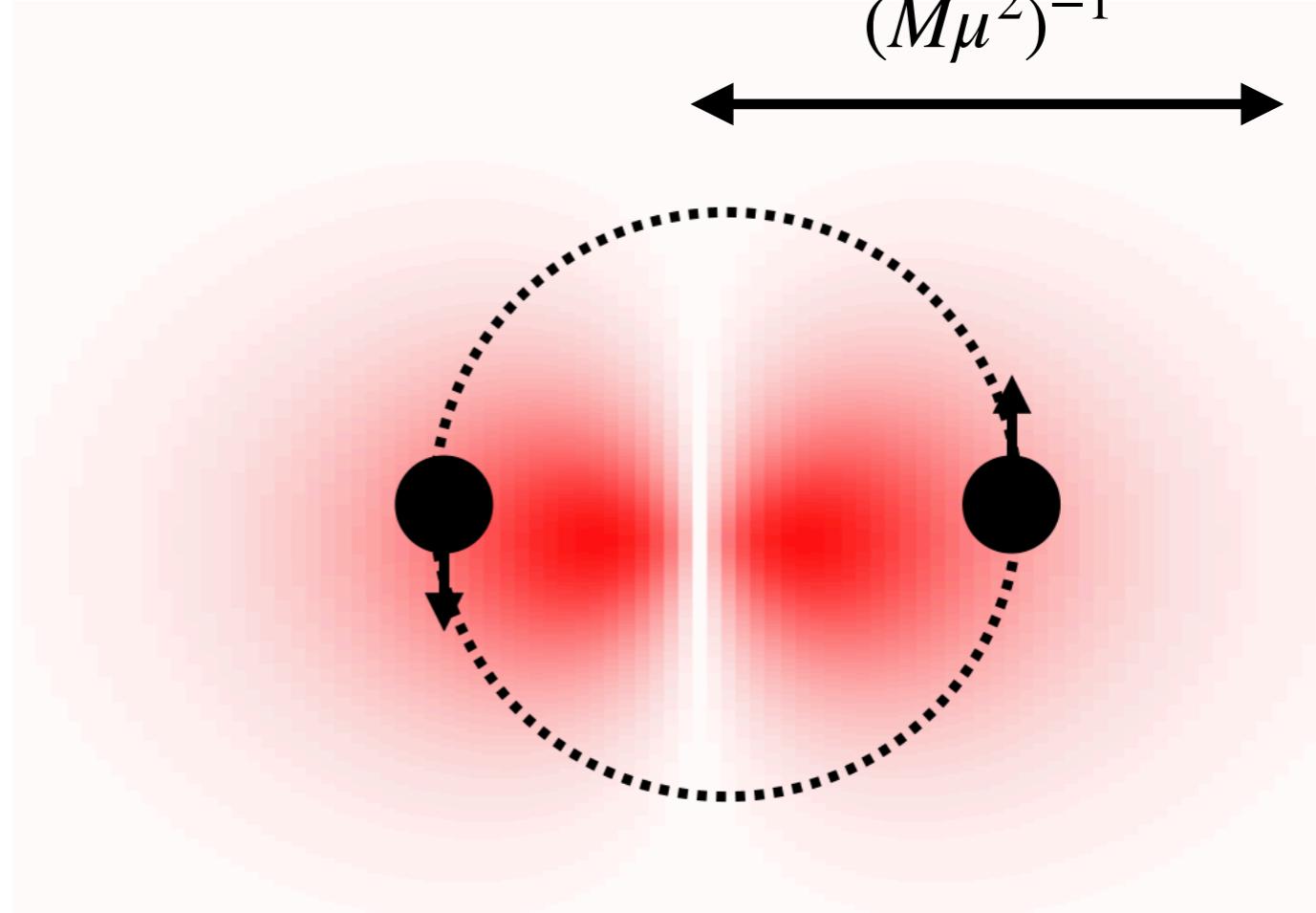
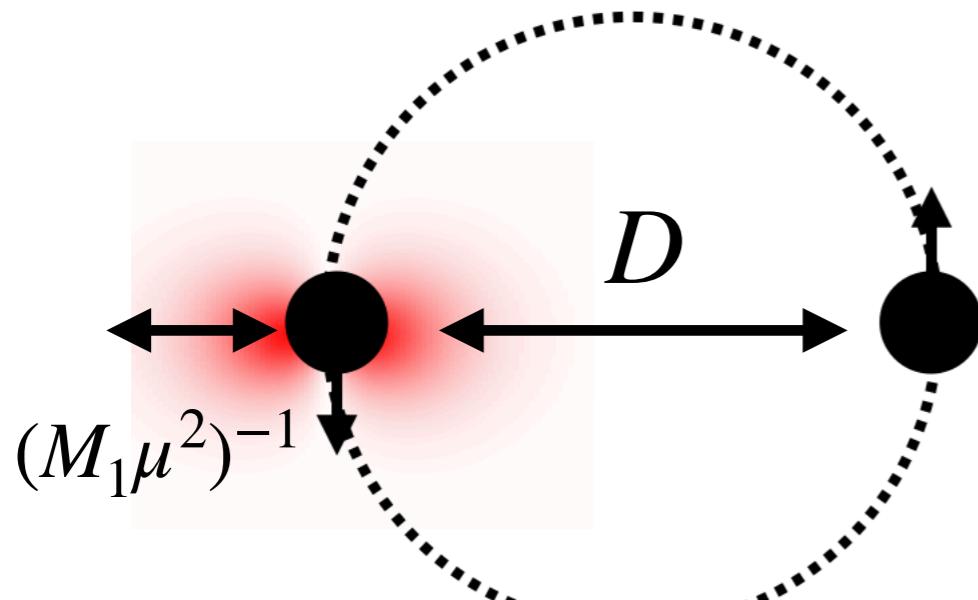
$$V(r) = \frac{\mu M_1}{|r - r_1(t)|} + \frac{\mu M_2}{|r - r_2(t)|}$$

Di-hydrogen molecule

**Gravitational molecule**

# Typical length scale

$$(\square - \mu^2) \phi = 0$$
$$M_1 = M_2 = \frac{M}{2}$$



$\mathcal{O}((M_1 \mu^2)^{-1}) \ll D$  : gravitational atom around individual BH

$\mathcal{O}((M \mu^2)^{-1}) \gtrsim D$  : gravitational molecule around BH binary

# Initial data

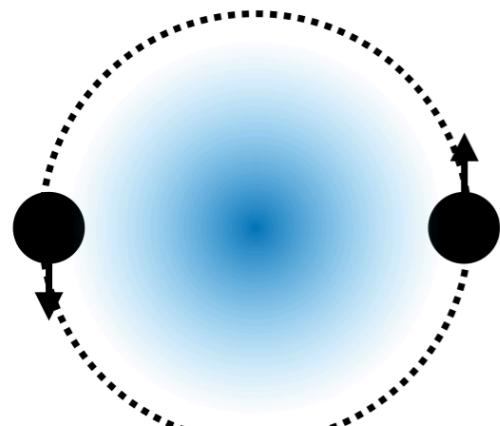
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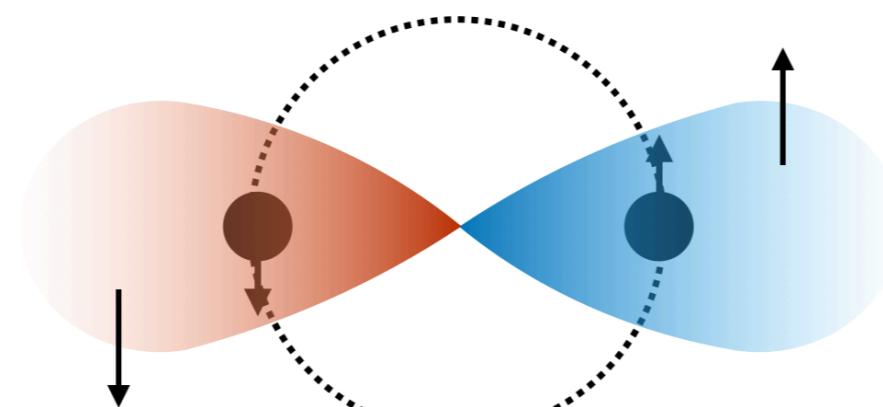
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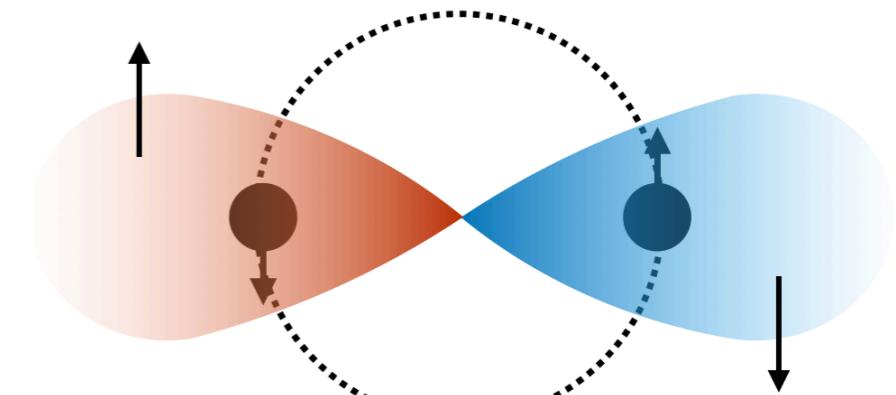
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Gaussian profile



Co-rotating dipole



Counter-rotating dipole

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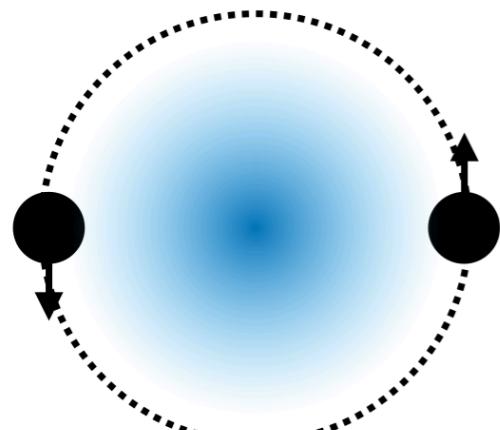
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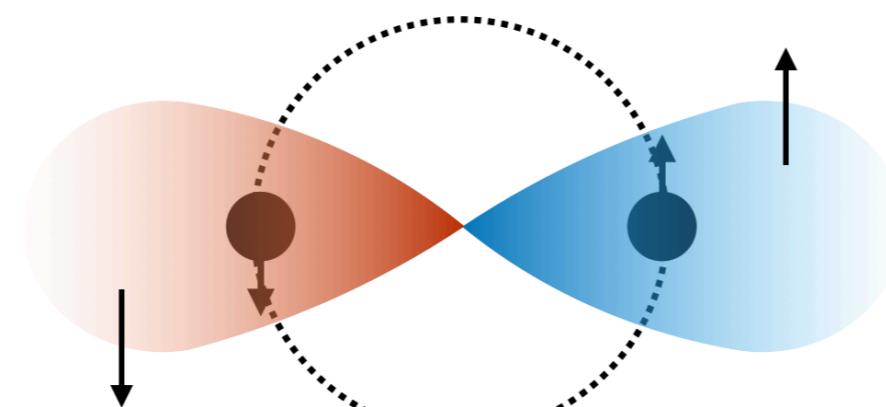
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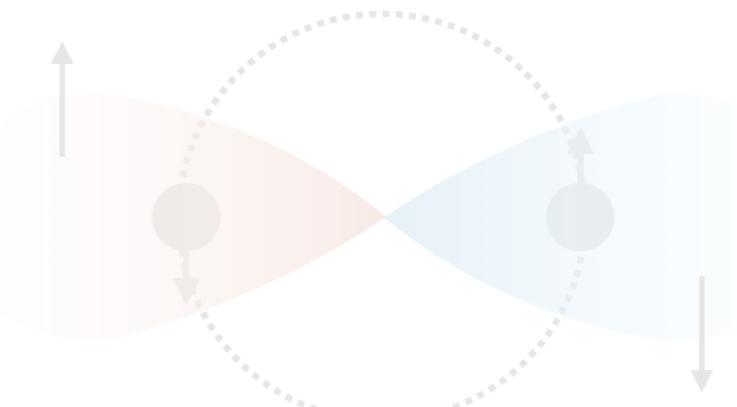
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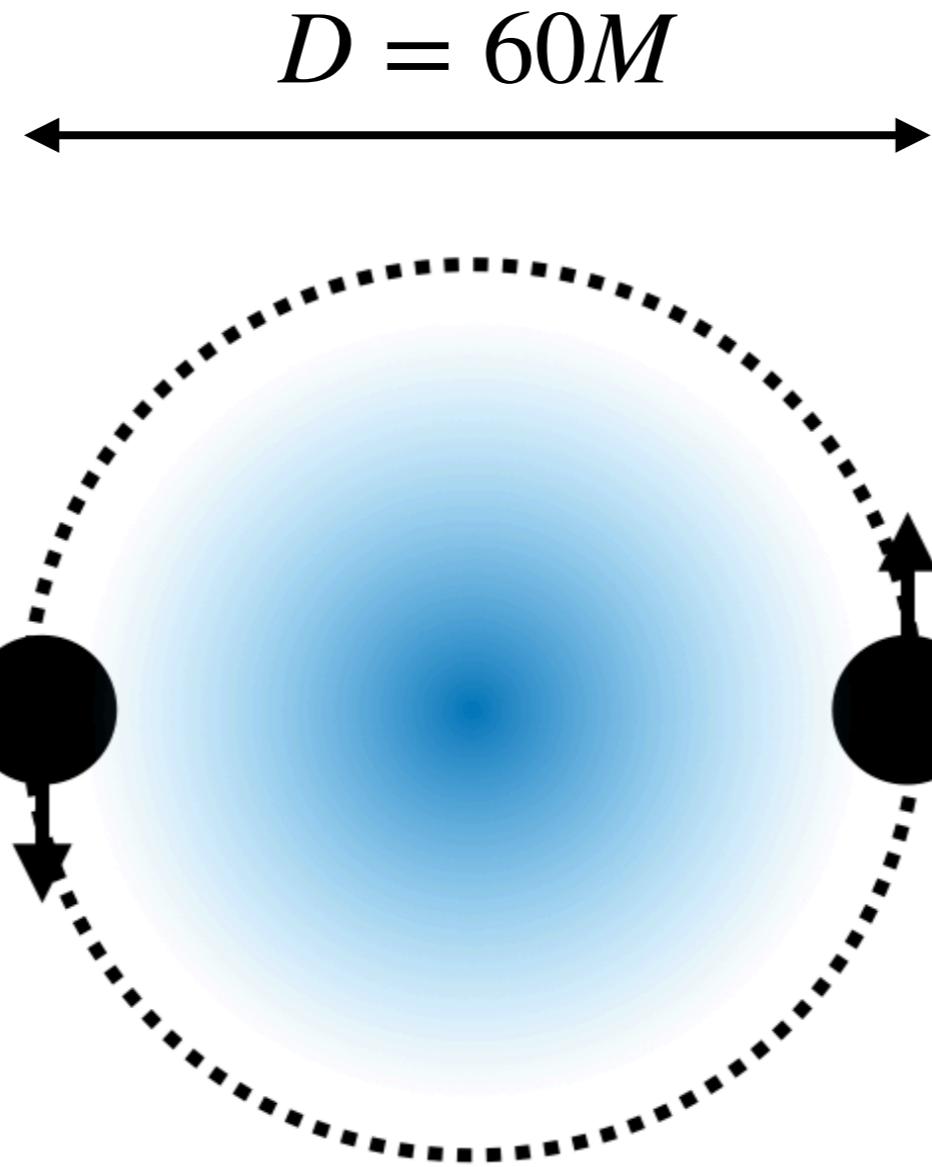


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$$\mu M = 0.5$$

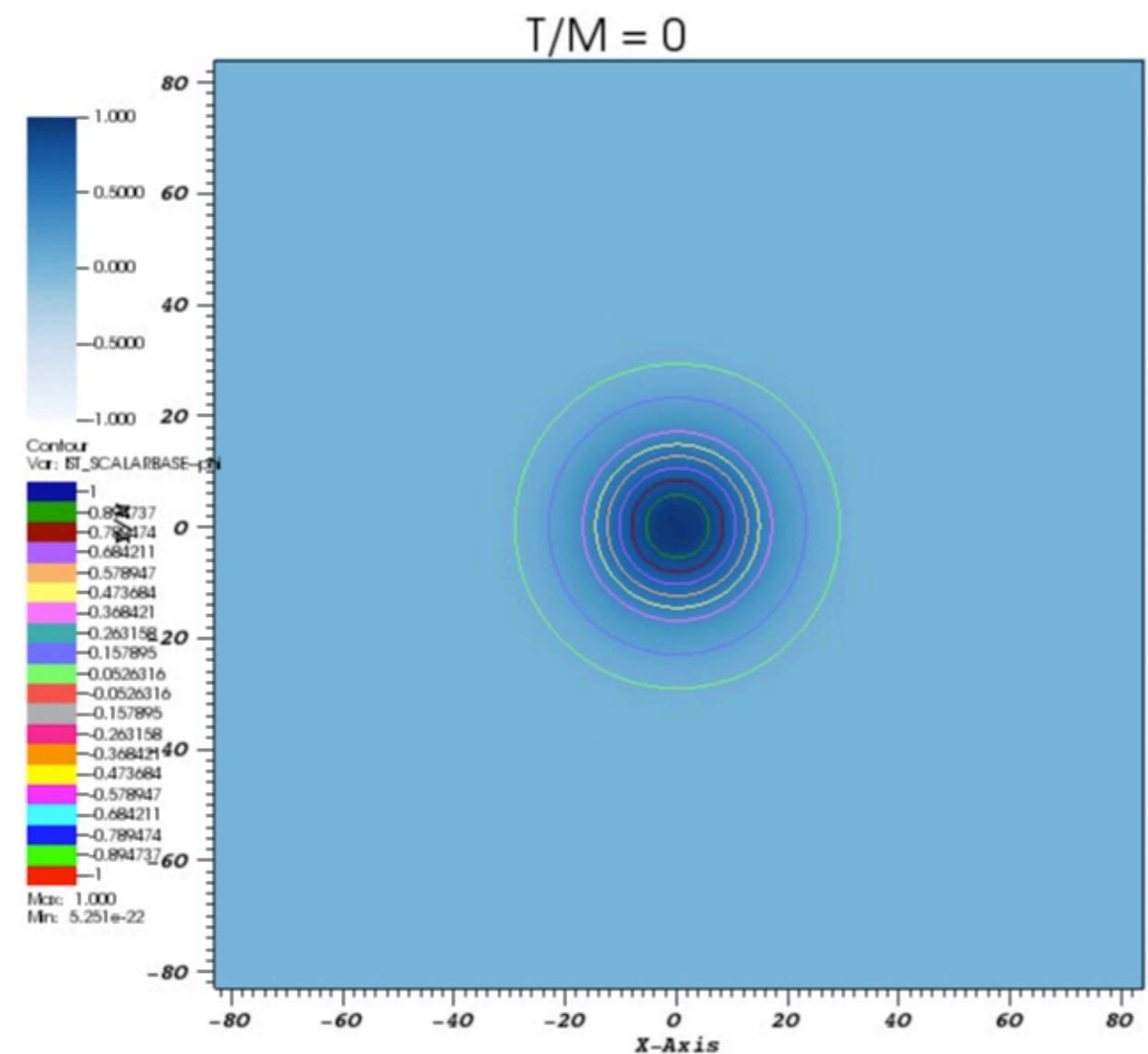
$$w = 25M$$

$$\mathcal{O}((M_1\mu^2)^{-1}) \ll D$$

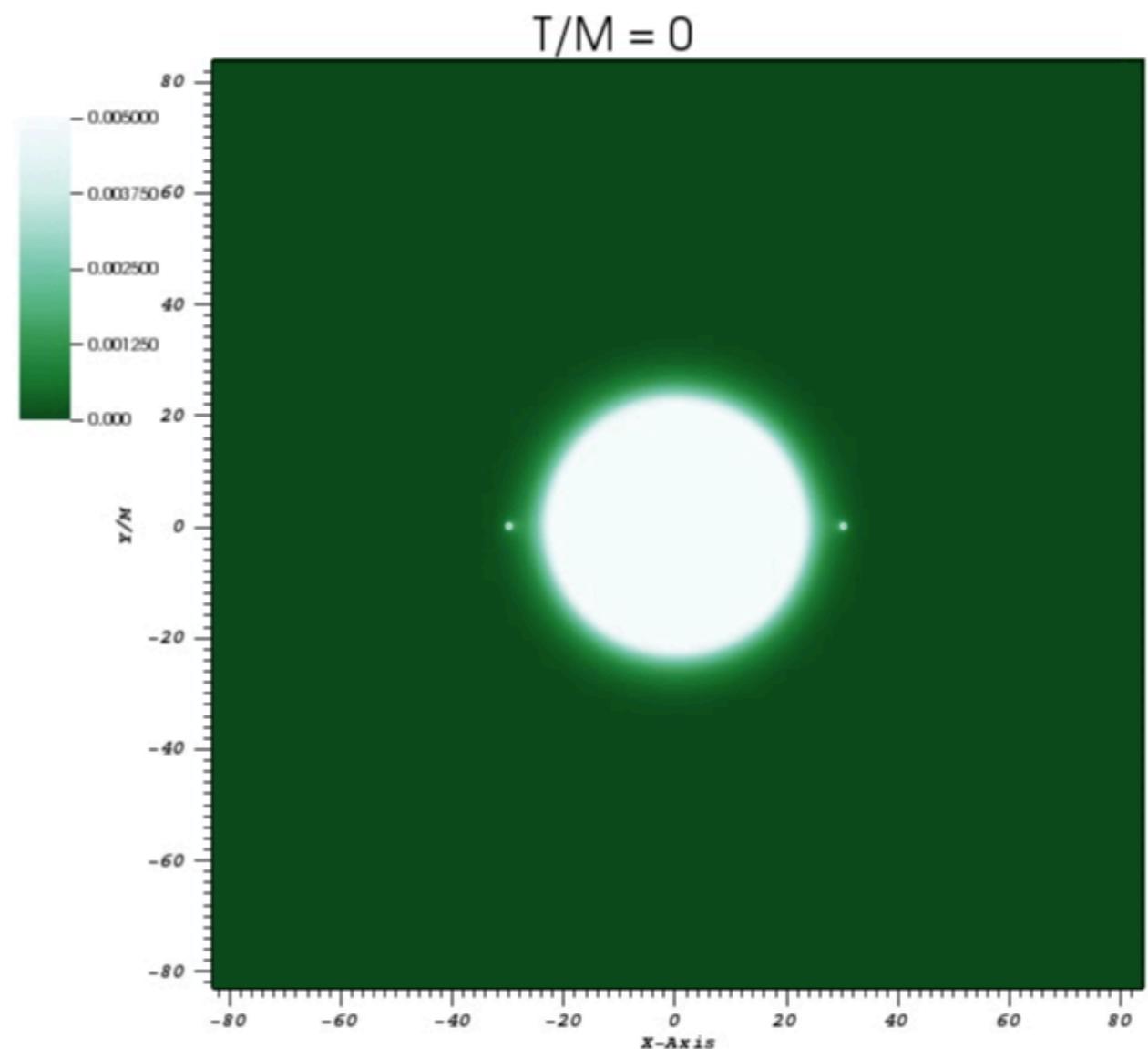
## Simulation 1 : Gaussian initial data

# Simulation 1

Scalar field

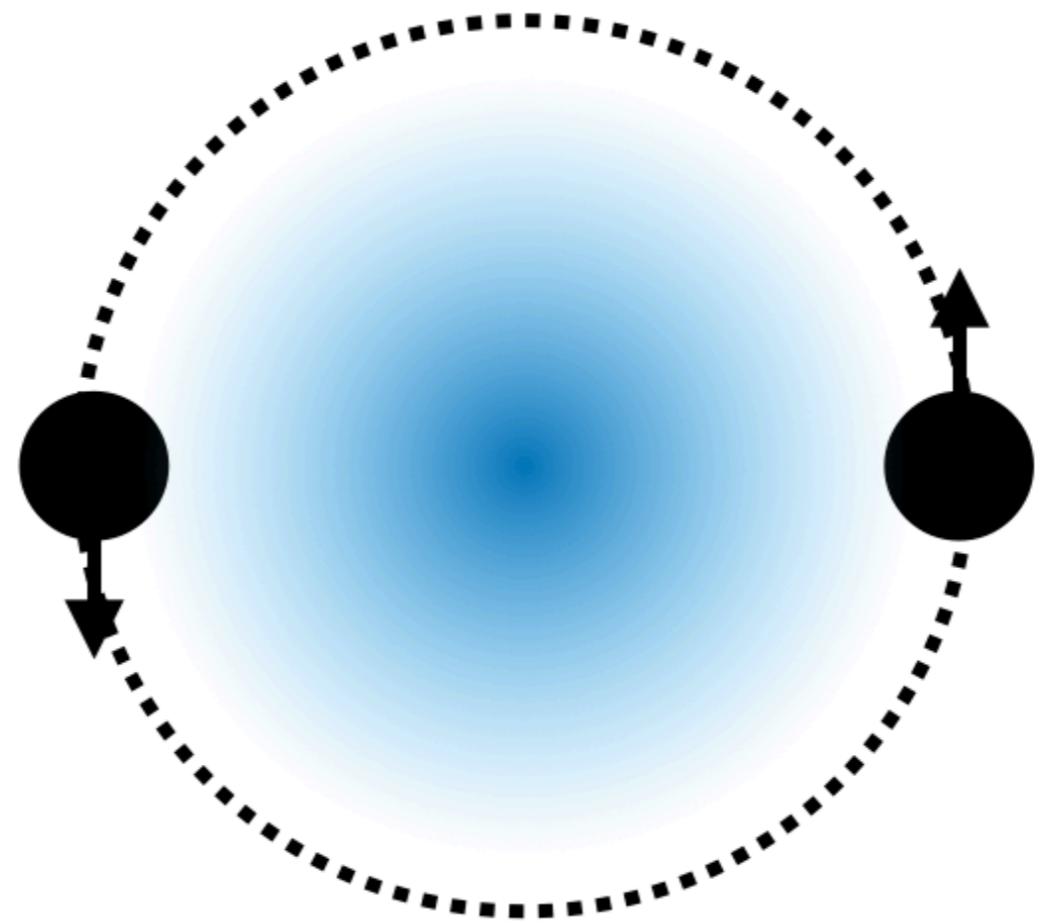


Energy density



- Gravitational atom around individual BHs.

$$D = 10M, 60M$$



$$\mu M = 0.2$$

$$w = 25M$$

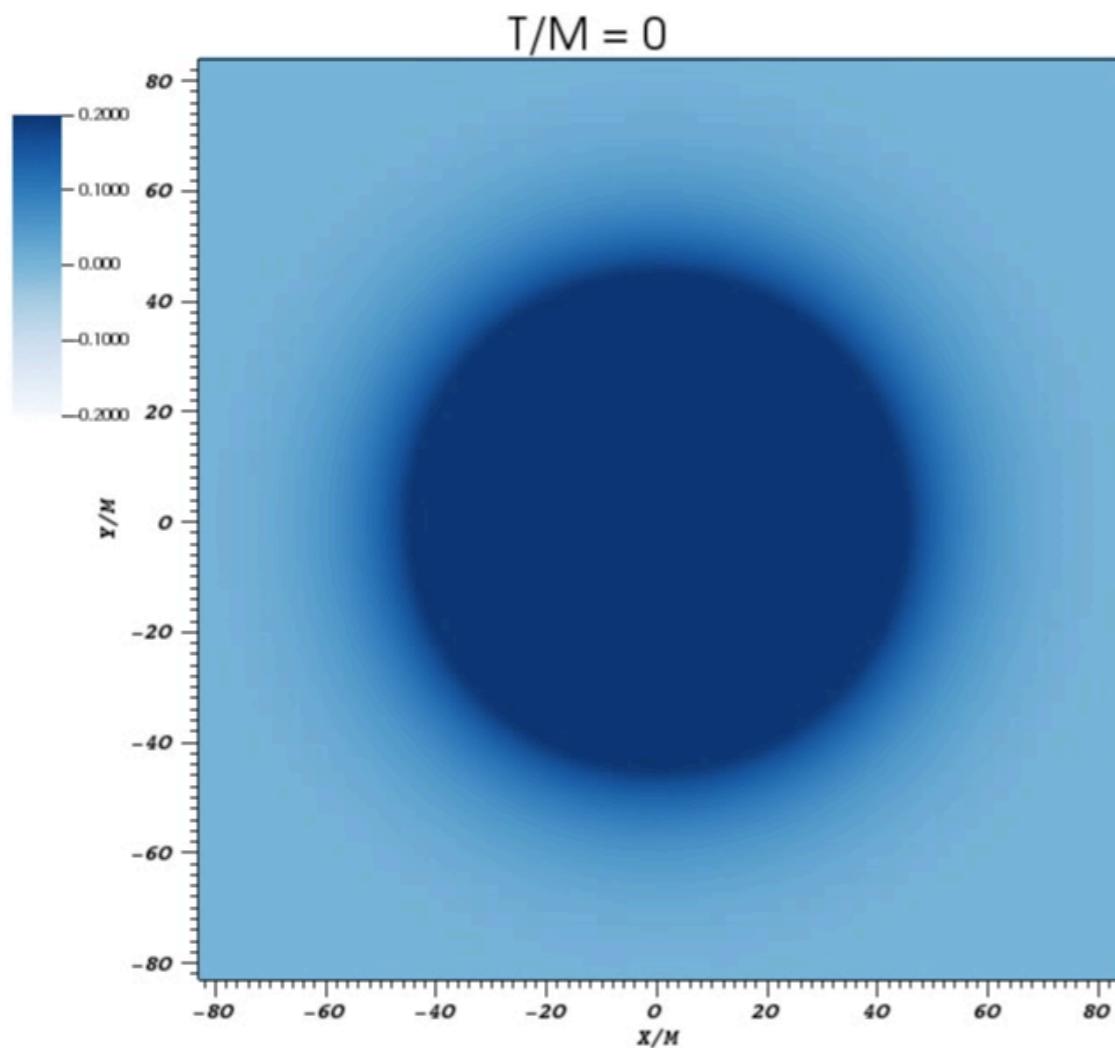
$$\mathcal{O}((M\mu^2)^{-1}) \gtrsim D$$

## Simulation 2 : Gaussian initial data

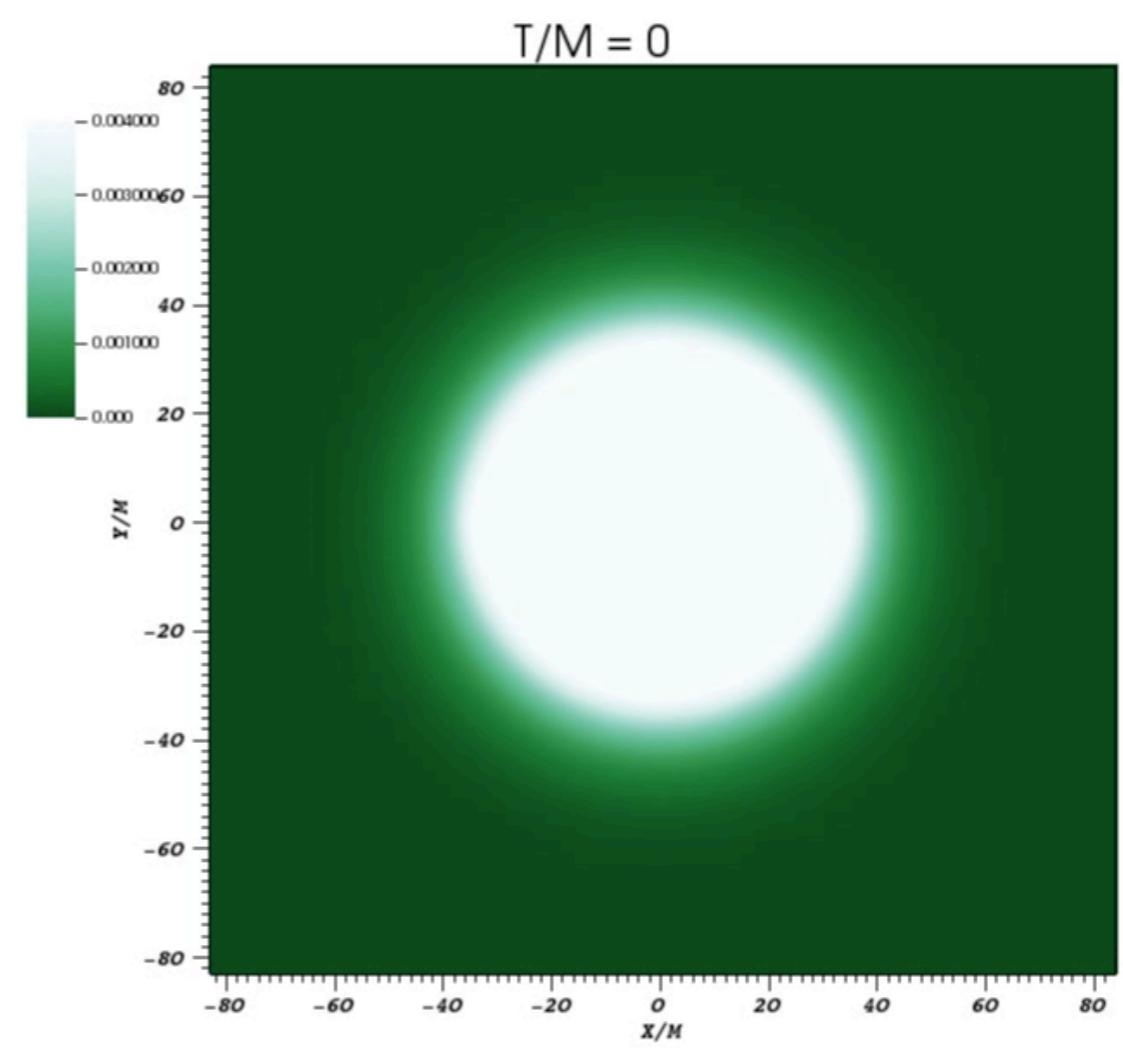
# Simulation 2

$$D = 60M$$

Scalar field



Energy density

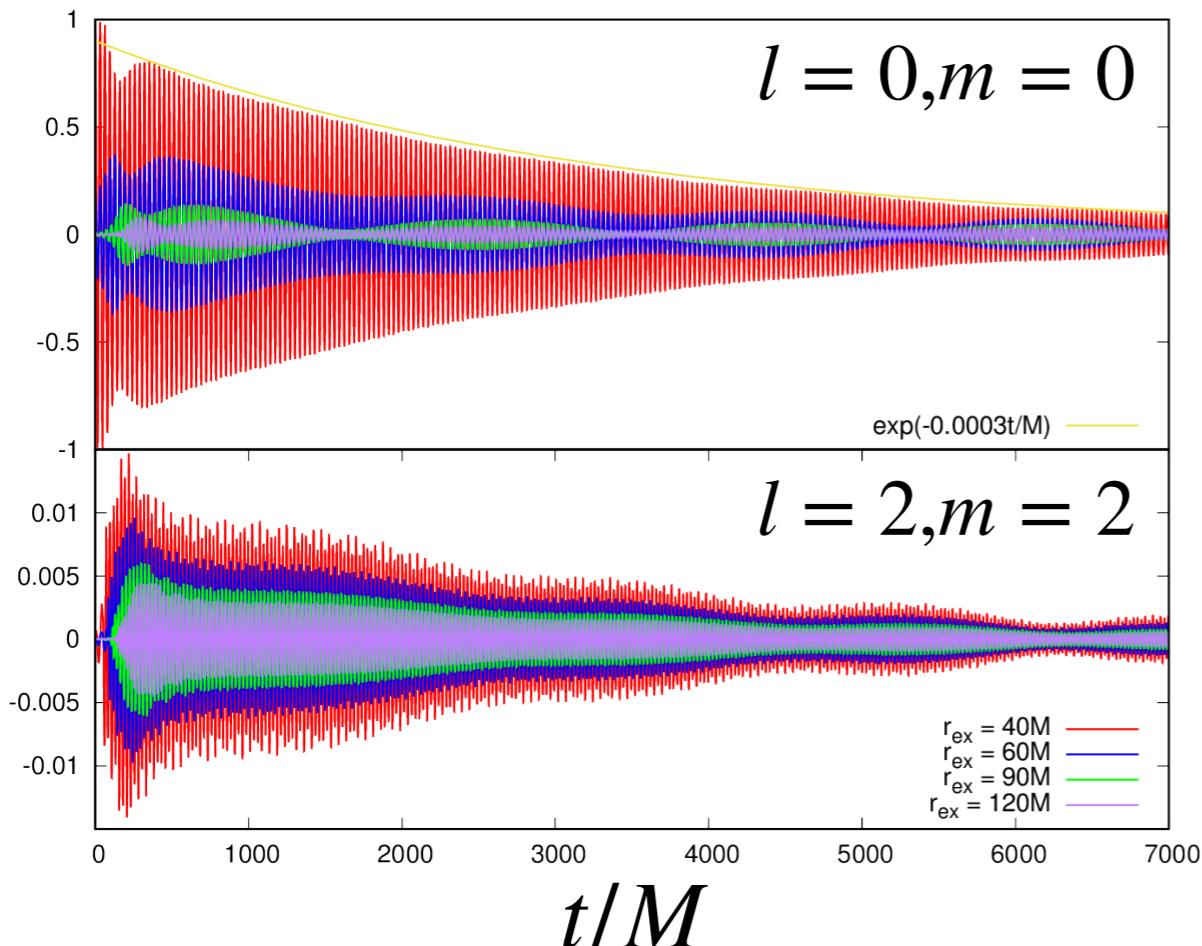


- “Monopole” gravitational molecule around BH binary.
- We checked the spectrum is similar to Di-hydrogen molecule.

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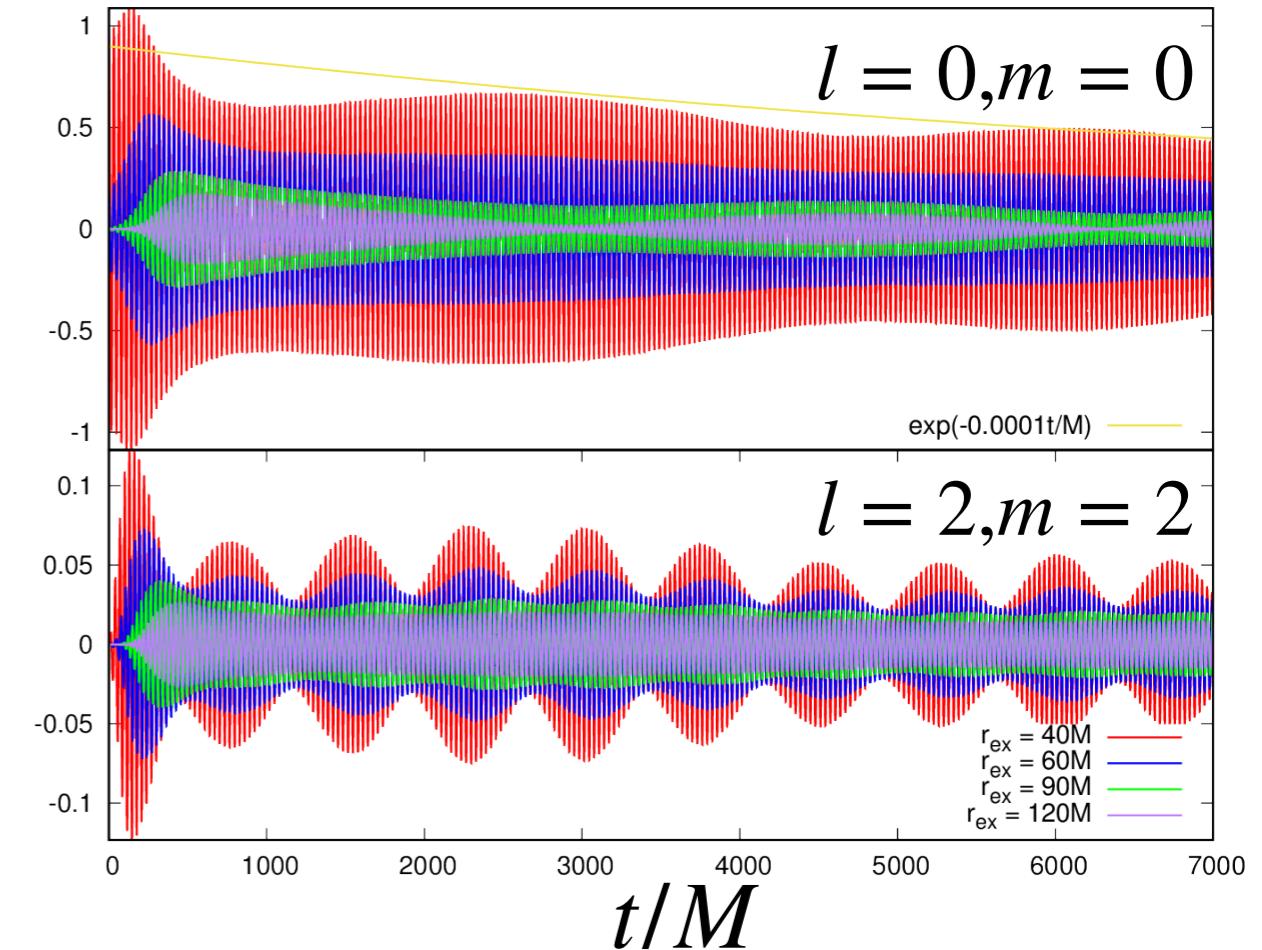
$$\text{cf: } \phi_{00} \sim e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

$$D = 10M$$



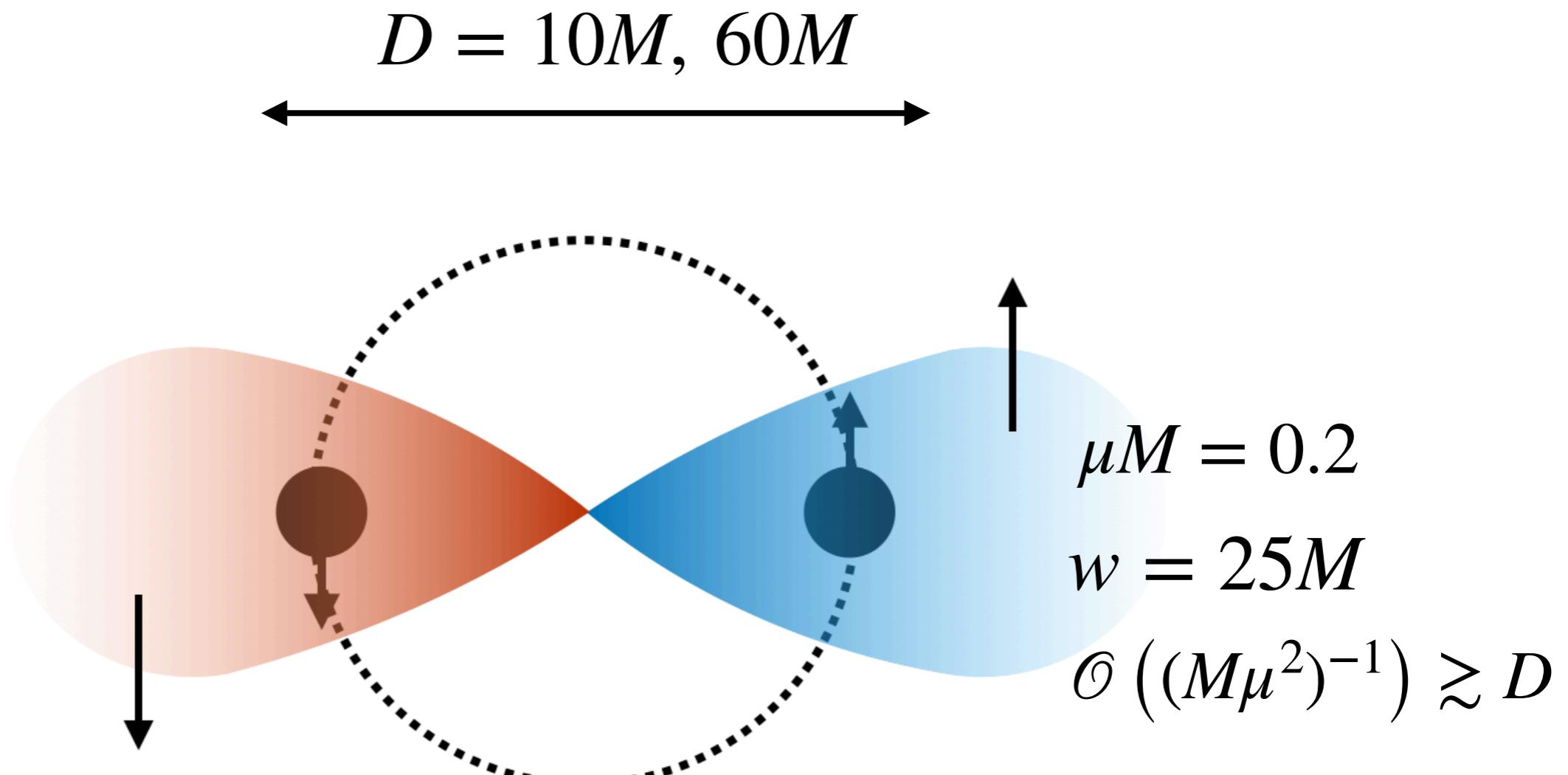
$$\tau \simeq 3 \times 10^3 M$$

$$D = 60M$$



$$\tau \simeq 1 \times 10^4 M$$

- The spectrum of numerical simulation is good agreement with Di-hydrogen molecule.

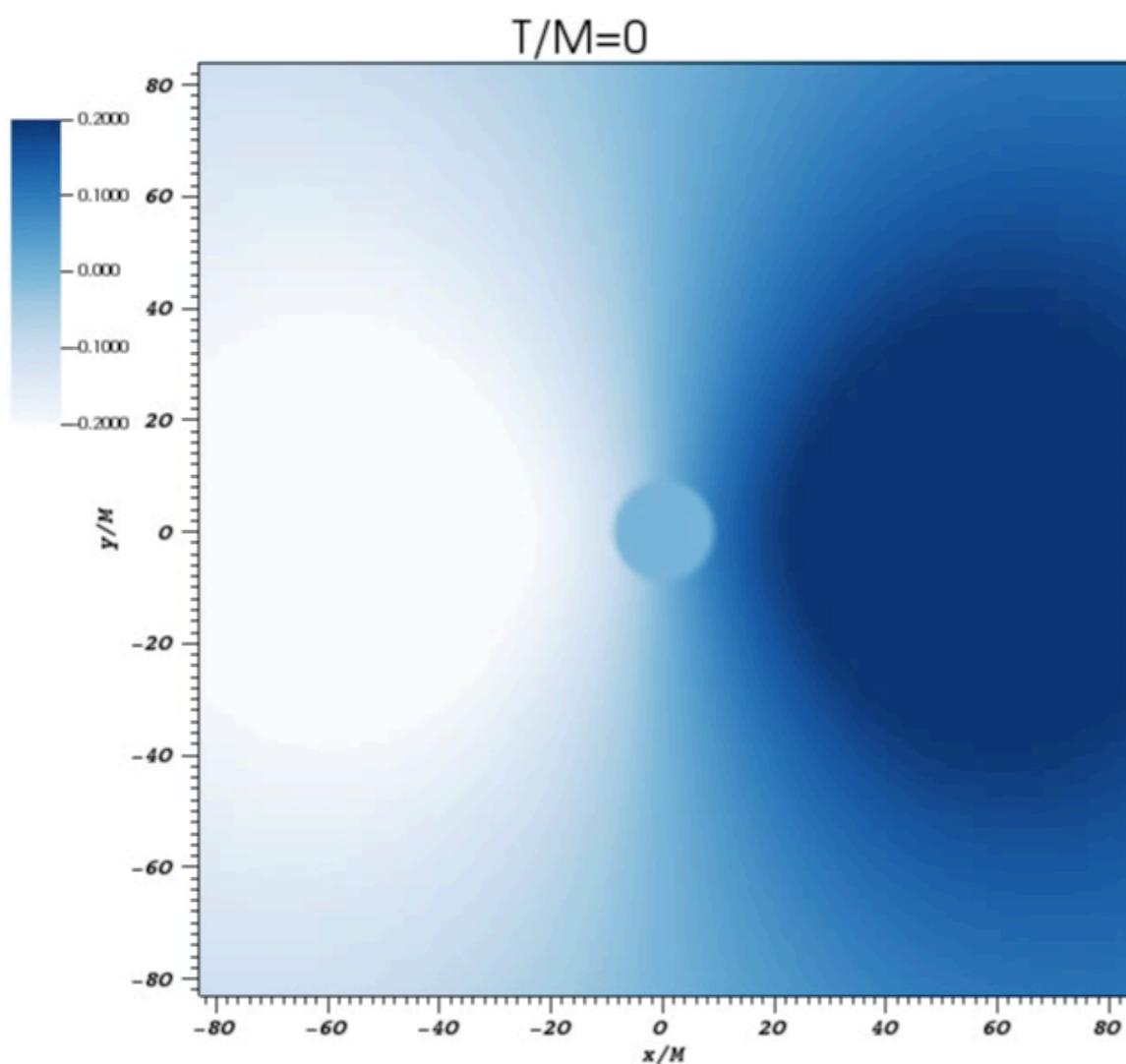


## Simulation 3 : Co-rotating dipole initial data

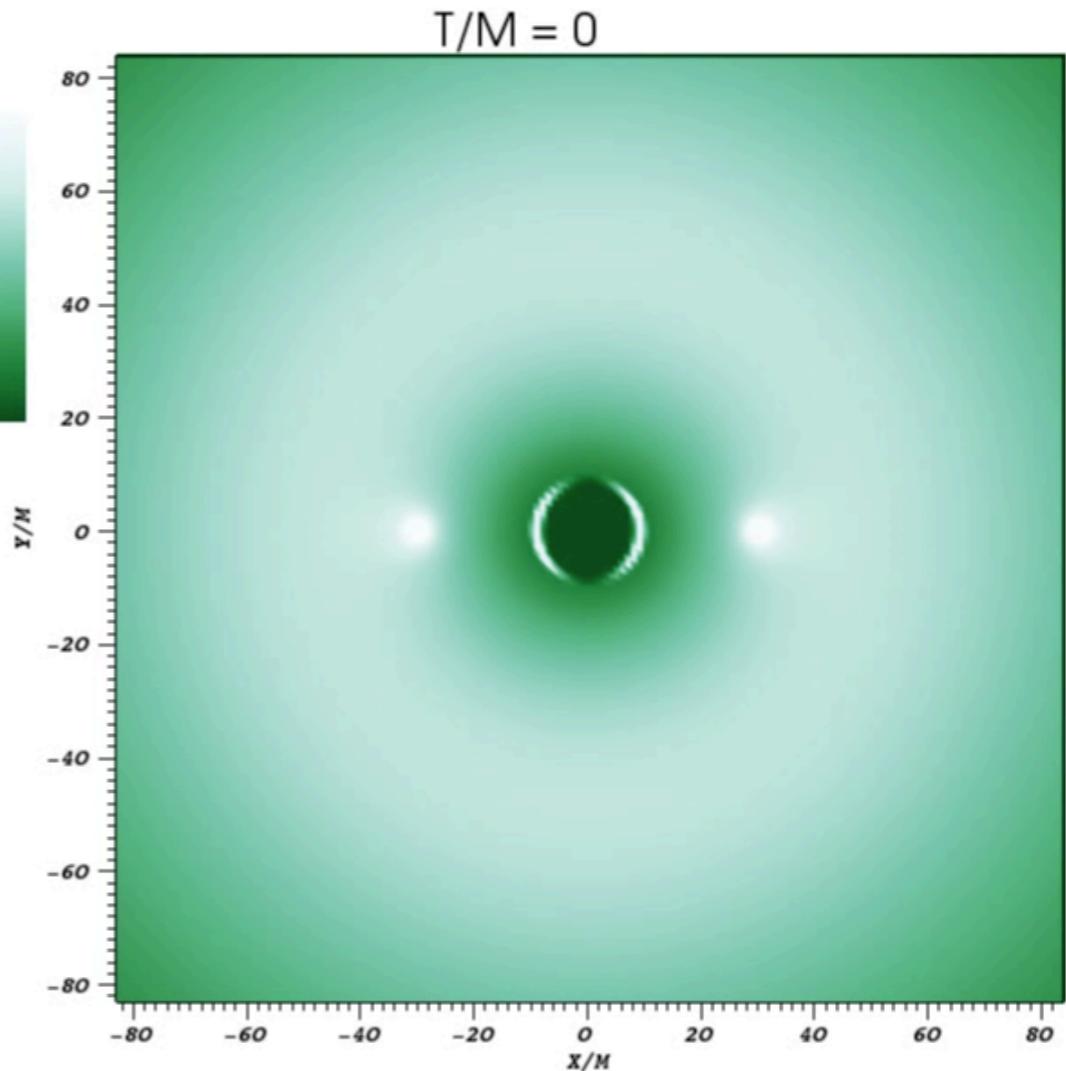
# Simulation 3

$D = 60M$

Scalar field



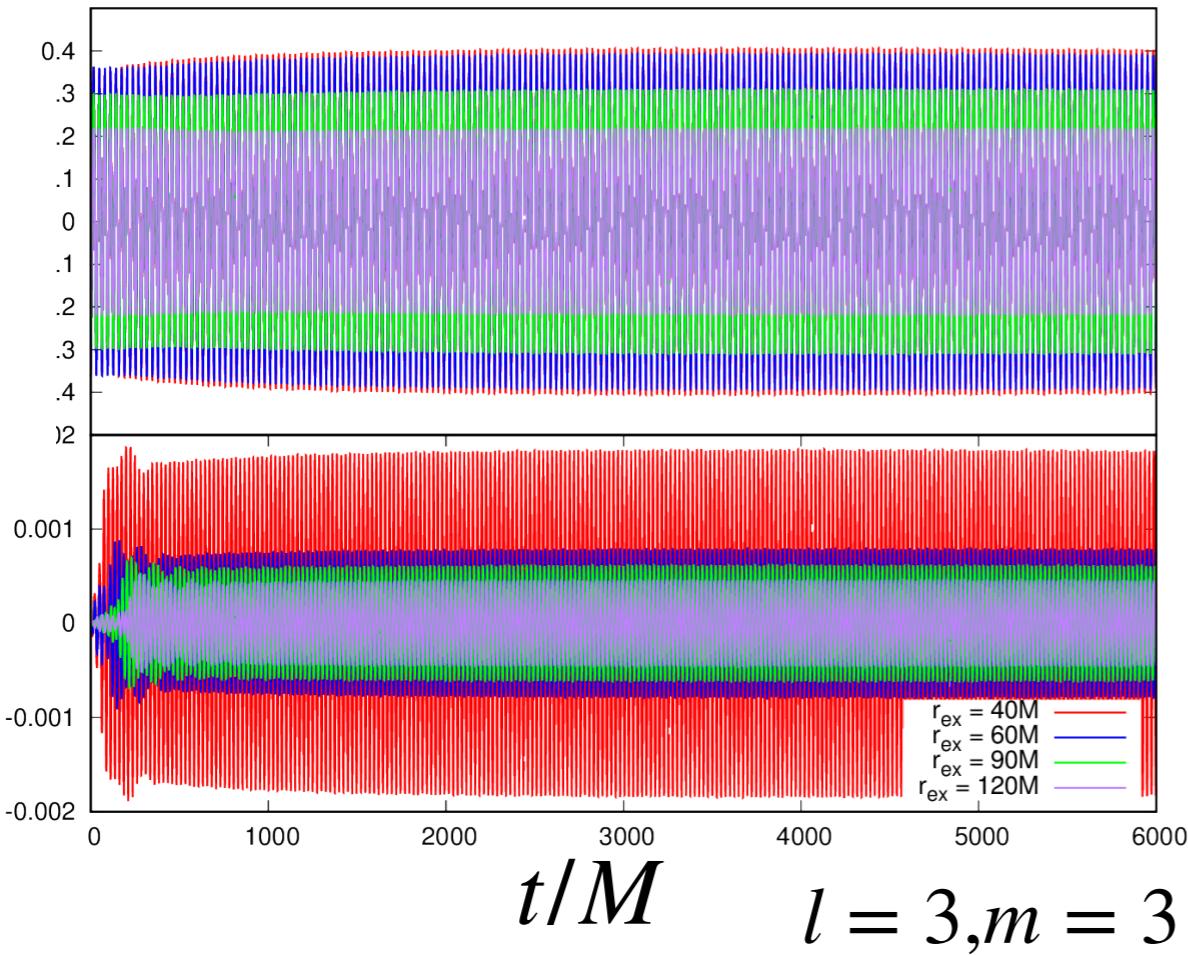
Energy density



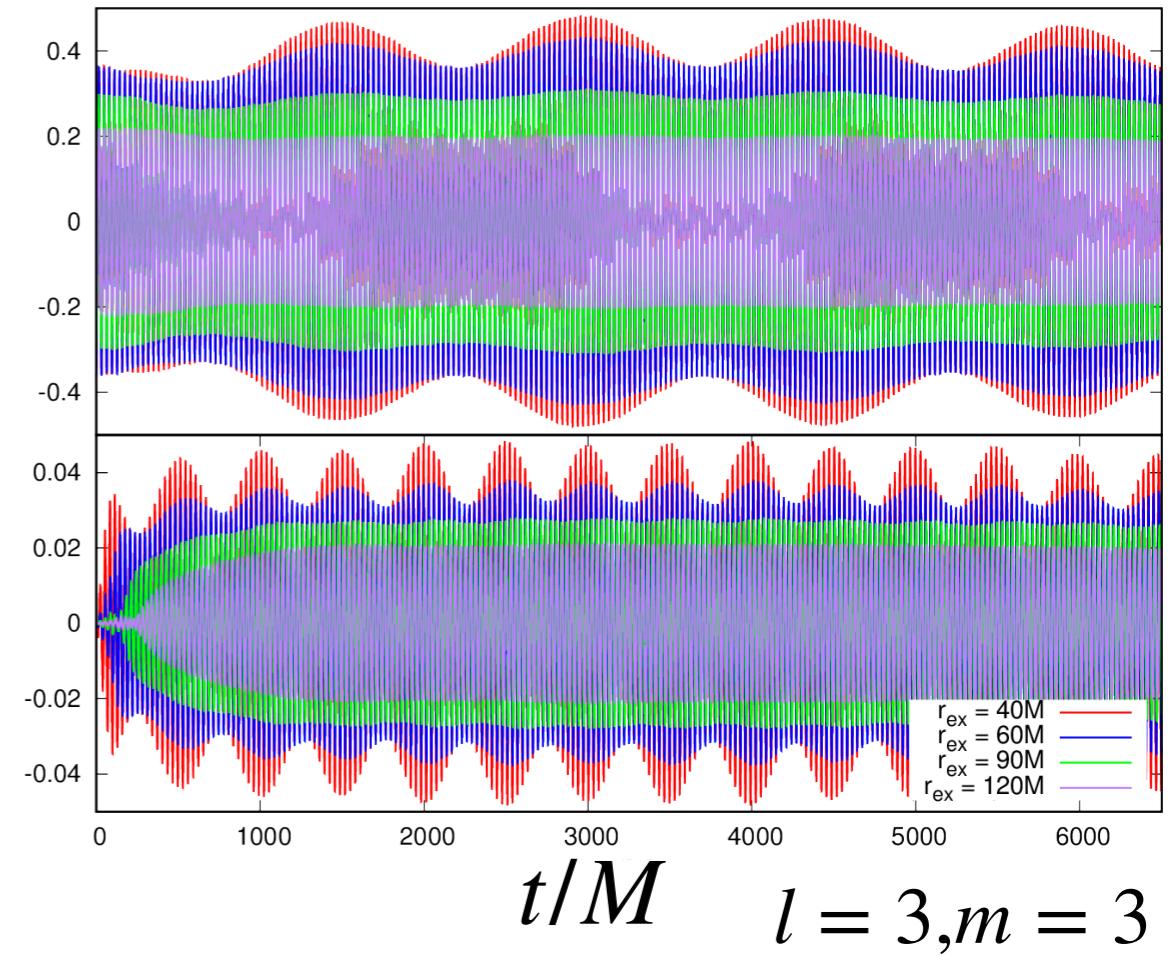
- Energy density rotates with binary.
- “Dipole” co-rotating gravitational molecule around BH binary.

# Simulation 3

$$D = 10M \quad l = 1, m = 1$$



$$D = 60M \quad l = 1, m = 1$$



We could not get decaying time scale.

At least,  $\tau \gg 10^4 M$ . This is long-lived bound state.

# Summary

- Our result
  - Strong evidence for existence of global bound state (Gravitational molecule).
  - Analogy with QM of di-hydrogen atom.
- Future works
  - eccentricity orbit ?
  - Gravitational wave from the gravitational molecule ?
  - Force between BHs due to the molecule ?
  - Can we observe the force using GW from binary ?

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